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1 — Thirteen years and counting: anatomy of an EPA civil rights investigation, Center for Public Integrity, 8/7/2015

<http://www.publicintegrity.org/2015/08/07/17706/thirteen-years-and-counting-anatomy-epa-civil-rights-investigation>

Concerns about a proposed hazardous-waste facility in New Mexico prompted a complaint that has been pending in the EPA's Office of Civil Rights for 13 years with no resolution.

2 — Mine plug blows in Colorado, dumping 1M gallons of waste, Albuquerque Journal, 8/6/2015

<http://www.abqjournal.com/624117/news/mine-plug-blows-near-silverton-colo-dumping-1m-galls-of-waste.html>

A million-gallon mine waste spill that sent a plume of orange-ish muck down a river in southwest Colorado on Thursday was caused by a federal mine cleanup crew.

3 – EPA foes turned asthma study into weapon for ozone fight, Greenwire, 8/6/2015

<http://www.eenews.net/stories/1060023092>

When a Johns Hopkins University researcher published a study showing race and income as risk factors for asthma, she started getting phone calls from industry groups opposing U.S. EPA's bid to tighten the national ozone standard.

4 — EPA rule earns ridicule in oil and gas country, but some support percolates, Energywire, 8/6/2015

<http://www.eenews.net/stories/1060023010>

If there's one thing traditional oil and gas states don't like, it's being told how energy policy should work. Consider the ferocity of comments from three of the country's most prominent energy-producing states that followed this week's release of U.S. EPA's Clean Power Plan, which aims to reduce carbon dioxide emissions from power plants.

5 — Inhofe, Lankford Want More Information About EPA 'Waters Of The United States' Rule, KGOU, 8/6/2015

<http://kgou.org/post/inhofe-lankford-want-more-information-about-epa-waters-united-states-rule>

Both of Oklahoma's U.S. Senators sent a letter to Environmental Protection Agency administrator Gina McCarthy Wednesday requesting documents and clarification regarding the Waters of the United States rule.

6 — Economic Alliance participates on Ozone Round Table, Bay Area (TX) Citizen, 8/6/2015

http://www.yourhoustonnews.com/bay_area/news/economic-alliance-participates-on-ozone-round-table/article_8795dbdb-dd98-5136-af39-0e496a45e86f.html

The U.S. House of Representatives Energy and Power Subcommittee on Wednesday held a roundtable in Washington, D.C. entitled, "EPA's Proposed Ozone Rule: Potential Impacts on Manufacturing and Jobs." The Economic Alliance Houston Port Region was invited to participate and City of Deer Park Mayor, Jerry Mouton, Jr. represented the Economic Alliance and the city during the meeting.

7 — Texas Says EPA Administrative Actions under CERCLA Trigger Duty to Defend, Insurance Risk Recovery, 8/6/2015

<http://www.insuranceriskrecovery.com/2015/08/texas-says-epa-administrative-actions-under-cercla-trigger-duty-to-defend/>

As any company facing EPA administrative action under CERCLA knows, the financial risk and defense costs associated with those proceedings can be the same as the risk and costs of an EPA lawsuit under CERCLA. But insurers have argued that administrative actions are very different from suits under standard CGL policies.

8 — Protecting the state: Water rule is federal overreach (opinion), Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, 8/6/2015

<http://www.arkansasonline.com/news/2015/aug/06/protecting-the-state-20150806/>

Having grown up near the banks of the White River in the Ozark foothills, I fully appreciate the clean water that helps make us the Natural State. Like all Arkansans, I want to protect our clean water for future generations, but there is currently a push from aggressive Washington, D.C., bureaucrats to control all water in Arkansas

9 — Climate change a big reason to vote in 2016 (opinion), San Antonio Express-News, 8/6/2015

<http://www.mysanantonio.com/opinion/commentary/article/Climate-change-a-big-reason-to-vote-in-2016-6430177.php>

The vast majority of scientists who have devoted their professional lives to studying the Earth's climate believe human-induced warming is an urgent problem requiring bold action. Republican candidates for president insist they know better.

10 — LANL theft, fraud scandal back in focus, Albuquerque Journal, 8/7/2015

<http://www.abqjournal.com/624528/news/lanl-theft-fraud-scandal-back-in-focus.html>

Chuck Montañño was a long-time thorn in the side of Los Alamos National Laboratory management, from the inside. And he's not stopping now, even though he's been gone from the lab for nearly five years. Montañño and two friends are pushing to reopen an investigation into theft and fraud at the lab that dates from more than a decade ago.

11 — EPA Grant Helps Restore Louisiana Coast, Bayou Buzz, 8/6/2015

<http://www.bayoubuzz.com/healthcare/louisiana-coverage/item/958967-epa-grant-helps-restore-louisiana-coast>

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency recently awarded \$362,213 to the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority of Louisiana to help design a project implemented under the Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act (CWPPRA) program.

12 — Even less hurricane activity predicted for remainder of 2015, NOAA says, New Orleans Times-Picayune, 8/6/2015

http://www.nola.com/hurricane/index.ssf/2015/08/even_less_hurricane_activity_p.html#incart_most_shared-environment

NOAA forecasters said Thursday that the chance of a below-normal hurricane season for 2015 has jumped to 90 percent, the result of a well-entrenched El Nino pattern of warm surface water conditions in the eastern Pacific Ocean and high wind shear and sinking air over much of the Atlantic where tropical systems form.

13 — One Rainy Spring Not Enough To Stop Aquifer Declines in Oklahoma, NPR StateImpact, 8/6/2015

<https://stateimpact.npr.org/oklahoma/2015/08/06/one-rainy-spring-not-enough-to-stop-groundwater-declines-in-oklahoma/>

On a recent trip to the Spencer Mesonet Station, water resources geologist Jessica Correll attached a metal probe to a long tape measure and fed it down into the Garber-Wellington Aquifer. The probe descended about 50 feet before striking water.

